

## News From Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis $32^{nd}$ Congressional District of California

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## WEST COVINA STUDENT WINS CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

**BALDWIN PARK, CA**– Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) announced the winners of this year's 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Artistic Discovery Competition during a reception. This year's theme was the environment.

The winners are: 1st Place winner-Christina Valdez, West Covina High School from West Covina; 2nd Place winner-Jonathan Nguyen, Arroyo High School from El Monte; 3rd Place winner-Alexis Anne Angeles Yu, Arroyo High School from El Monte; Honorable Mention- Juan Luis Bañuelos, Arroyo High School from El Monte; and Congressional Mention-Lina Tsoi, Arroyo High School from El Monte.

"Throughout history, the environment has always inspired artists, poets, and politicians. I am pleased that this year's art competition challenged our community's talented youth to express their connection to the environment," said Congresswoman Solis.

Congresswoman Solis' legislative priorities include protecting open space and revitalizing neglected areas to improve the health of our neighborhoods. She is the author of a recently enacted federal law which looks for ways to preserve green, open and recreational space in the San Gabriel Valley watershed.

The reception showcased the artwork of talented young high school students from throughout the 32nd Congressional District. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will be flown to Washington, DC, for the national reception and view their artwork displayed in the nation's Capitol. In addition, the winner will receive a scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design. All the finalists received a variety of prizes from local merchants.